

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed 11-15-2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-13,16-41,90-94 and 100-120.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 07 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

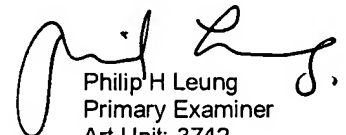
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 3-2-2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James Witherspoon on March 2, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

The withdrawn claims 26 and 28-41 are hereby reinstated.

35. (Currently Amended) The microwave packaging material as described in claim 1, 2, [[3, 89,]] 90 [[,]] or 91, wherein the indentation pattern comprises an array of individual, separated shapes.

107. (Currently Amended) The microwave packaging material as described in claim 104 [[,]] or 105 [[or 106]], wherein the scored impressions extend radially outward from proximate a reference location and the plurality of the scored impressions extends at least partially around the reference location.

116. (Currently Amended) The microwave packaging material as described in claim 113 [[,]] or 114 [[or 115]], wherein the reference location is a center of the microwave packaging material.

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117. (Currently Amended) The microwave packaging material as described in claim 113 [[,]] or 114 [[or 115]], wherein:

the plurality of the scored impressions includes:

a first plurality of scored impressions, and

a second plurality of scored impressions;

the scored impressions of the first plurality of scored impressions are longer than the scored impressions of the second plurality of scored impressions; and

the scored impressions of the first and second pluralities of scored impressions are arranged in an alternating series such that each of the scored impressions of the first plurality of scored impressions is respectively adjacent a scored impression of the second plurality of scored impressions.

119. (Currently Amended) The microwave packaging material as described in claim 113 [[,]] or 114 [[or 115]], wherein:

the plurality of the scored impressions includes:

a first plurality of scored impressions, and

a second plurality of scored impressions;

the scored impressions of the first plurality of scored impressions are longer than the scored impressions of the second plurality of scored impressions; and

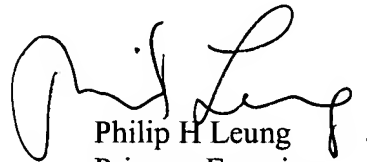
the scored impressions of the first and second pluralities of scored impressions are arranged in an alternating series such that each of the scored impressions of the first plurality of scored impressions is respectively positioned between a pair of scored impressions of the second plurality of scored impressions.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip H Leung whose telephone number is (571) 272-4782.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on (571) 472-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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